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December 18, 2008

Mr. Dan Stewart, Deputy Secretary
N.C. Department of Health and Human Services
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Re: Central Regional Hospital, Medicare provider #34-4001;
Main Campus of Central Regional Hospital, 300 Veazey Road, Butner, NC 27509

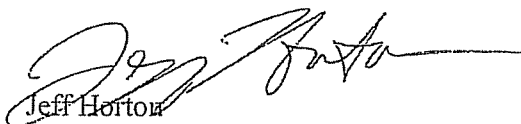
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As discussed in the exit conference with hospital representatives on December 13, 2008, our agency found the physical plant matter relating to the identification of immediate jeopardy at the CRH Veazey Road site to be in compliance. In addition, another visit was conducted December 18, 2008, which found all physical plant matters at CRH Veazey Road site to be corrected. For the record, the physical plant matter, which constituted immediate jeopardy at CRH Veazey Road site, was actually corrected before our staff finished the survey in November; however, pursuant to CMS policy, the report from the November survey did not contain information concerning the correction.

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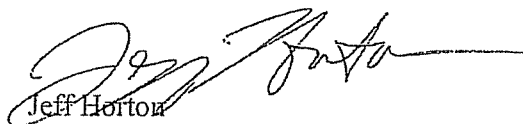
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